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LETTER DATED 19 DECEMBER 1997 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 12 December 1997 (S/1997/994) regarding your proposals for new mandates to Ambassador Mohammed Sahnoun as your Special Envoy in Africa, and to Mr. Berhanu Dinka, as your Representative and Regional Humanitarian Adviser for the Great Lakes Region, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They support the proposals contained in your letter, and look forward to being kept closely informed of their work.

The members of the Council note that Ambassador Sahnoun will operate on an as and when employed basis and within the budget stipulated in your letter. They also take this opportunity to join you in expressing deep gratitude to those Governments that made funds available for Mr. Sahnoun's mission over the last 11 months through the Special Fund set up in support of his efforts.

(Signed) Fernando BERROCAL SOTO
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